Department is not required to provide an opportunity for a contested case hearing to any party other than the applicant in connection with any permit issued pursuant to this article except the permits listed in subsection (a) of this section.

- (c) <u>f(1)</u> When this article requires more than one public informational meeting, public hearing, or contested case hearing, the Department may consolidate some or all of the meetings or hearings for the proposed facility with similar meetings or hearings.
- (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD ALL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND CONTESTED CASE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS AT A CONVENIENT LOCATION IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

## CHAPTER 520

(Senate Bill 100)

AN ACT concerning

## State Retirement and Pension System - Procurement Exemption

FOR the purpose of repealing an exception from a certain exemption from State procurement law for certain real property that is owned and occupied by the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 11-203(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

11-203.

(d) Except as provided in Title 14, Subtitle 3 of this article [and except for that portion of any real property that is owned and occupied by the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System], this Division II does not apply to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System for: